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## ***SOUTH DAKOTA MILK CASH RECEIPTS DOWN***

**SIOUX FALLS, April 27, 2007 --** Cash receipts from marketings of milk in South Dakota during 2006 totaled \$196.1 million, down 10 percent from the \$218.5 million in 2005, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). Lower milk prices more than offset higher production levels to result in reduced cash receipts.

South Dakota producers received an average of \$13.10 per hundredweight of milk sold in 2006. This is a 14 percent decrease from the \$15.30 received in 2005.

Total **milk production** in South Dakota increased 5 percent in 2006, to 1,505 million pounds. This is up from the 1,437 million pounds produced in 2005. The **rate per cow** at 18,580 pounds in 2006 was up 5 percent from 17,741 pounds in 2005. The 2006 **average number of cows on farms**, at 81,000 head, was unchanged from 2005.

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